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## What's New

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**03/28/2008**

### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-2276-FN, entitled "Approval of the Community Health Accreditation Program for Continued Deeming Authority for Home Health Agencies," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

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CMS-2277-FN, entitled "Approval of the Joint Commission for Continued Deeming Authority for Home Health Agencies," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

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### **INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 248 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "CR 5550 Clarification - Signature Requirements," was released. This instruction affects Hospice.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 248](#)** (PDF, 139 KB)

Transmittal 436 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual – Part 1, entitled "COSTS RELATED TO PATIENT CARE," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

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**03/21/2008**

### **INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 33 of the Medicare State Operations Manual, entitled "Revisions to Chapter 2, Sections 2021-2022," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 33](#)** (PDF, 53 KB)

### **INSTRUCTION RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 1482 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April Update to the 2008 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects

Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.  
**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1482](#)** (PDF, 337 KB)

**03/14/2008**

#### **REGULATIONS RELEASED**

CMS-2238-IFC, entitled "Medicaid Program; Multiple Source Drug Definition," was released. This instruction affects Medicaid and Other CMS Businesses.

**[View CMS-2238-IFC](#)**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 1478 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Additional Clarification to Chapter 17, Section 40, Regarding Processing of Drug Claims With the JW Modifier," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1478](#)** (PDF, 111 KB)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 1477 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "NEW WAIVED TESTS," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1477](#)** (PDF, 103 KB)

Transmittal 1479 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "APRIL 2008 INPATIENT REHABILITATION FACILITY (IRF) PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1479](#)** (PDF, 281 KB)

**03/07/2008**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 1473 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment for Inpatient Hospital Visits (Codes 99221-99239)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1473](#)** (PDF, 143 KB)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 1474 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) Pricer based on the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (Recurring CR: R20812Q)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1474](#)** (PDF, 96 KB)

Transmittal 1475 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1475](#)** (PDF, 101 KB)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- NEW INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED**

Transmittal 326 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Medicare Fraud Edit Module," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-

Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 326](#)** (PDF, 167 KB)

Transmittal 1476 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to Low Utilization Payment Adjustment Add-on Payments Under the Refined HH PPS," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1476](#)** (PDF, 1 MB)

**02/29/2008**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-2278-IFC4, entitled "Revisit User Fee Program for Medicare Survey and Certification Activities," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View CMS-2278-IFC4](#)**

CMS-3196-N, entitled "Town Hall Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee--April 30, 2008," was released. This instruction affects All Providers and is a Meeting Notice.

**[View CMS-3196-N](#)**

CMS-4064-RCN, entitled "Changes to the Medicare Claims Appeal Procedures; Continuation of Effectiveness and Extension of Timeline for Publication of Final Rule," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View CMS-4064-RCN](#)**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 84 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Update to Audiology Policies," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physician, Hospitals and Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 84](#)** (PDF, 84 KB)

Transmittal 244 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Collapsing PTANs," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 244](#)** (PDF, 388 KB)

Transmittal 1470 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Audiology Policies," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physician, Hospitals and Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1470](#)** (PDF, 210 KB)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 1471 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Codes Subject to and Excluded from Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments Edits," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1471](#)** (PDF, 140 KB)

**02/22/2008**

#### **REGULATIONS RELEASED**

CMS-1392-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and CY 2008 Payment Rates, the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System and CY 2008 Payment Rates...", was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View CMS-1392-CN](#)**

CMS-1395-N entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups," was released. This instruction affects Meeting Notices

**[View CMS-1395-N](#)**

CMS-1491-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Extension of Certain Hospital Wage Index Reclassifications," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals

**[View CMS-1491-N](#)**

CMS-1549-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meetings in Calendar Year 2008 for All New Public Requests for Revisions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding and Payment Determinations," was released. This instruction affects Meeting Notices

**[View CMS-1549-N](#)**

CMS-2232-P, entitled "Medicaid Program; State Flexibility for Medicaid Benefit Packages," was released. This instruction affects Medicaid.

**[View CMS 2232-P](#)**

CMS-2275-F, entitled "Medicaid Program; Health Care-Related Taxes," was released. This instruction affects Medicaid.

**[View CMS 2275-F](#)**

CMS-2244-P, entitled "Medicaid Program; Premiums and Cost Sharing," was released. This instruction affects Medicaid.

**[View CMS-2244-P](#)**

CMS-3186-FN, entitled "Medicare Program: Approval of Application by the Indian Health Service (IHS) for Continued Recognition as a National Accreditation Organization That Accredits American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Entities To Furnish Outpatient Diabetes Self-Management Training," was released. This instruction affects Other CMS Businesses

**[View CMS-3186-FN](#)**

CMS-6024-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Prior Determination for Certain Items and Services," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

**[View CMS-6024-F](#)**

CMS-6272-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Amendments," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View CMS-6272-F](#)**

CMS-7008-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Announcement of Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education; March 11, 2008," was released. This instruction affects Meeting Notices

**[View CMS-7008-N](#)**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – NEW INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED**

Transmittal 1453 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Systems Changes for Prescription Order Numbers for the Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) for Part B Drugs and Biologicals. This instruction affects Physician.

**[View Transmittal 1453](#)** [PDF, 172 KB]

Transmittal 1459 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) Billing Requirement Updates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

**[View Transmittal 1459](#)** [PDF, 273 KB]

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATIONS**

Transmittal 1456 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manualization of Payment for Outpatient ESRD-Related Services. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View Transmittal 1456](#)** [PDF, 181 KB]

Transmittal 1458 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Teaching Physician Reqs. For ESRD MCP. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View Transmittal 1458](#)** [PDF, 112 KB]

Transmittal 1460 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Subsequent Hosp Visits and Hodp Discharge Day Mgmt Servs (Codes 99231-99239) . This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View Transmittal 1460](#)** [PDF, 181 KB]

Transmittal 1461 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification to CR 5744--Payment Allowance Update for the Influenza Virus Vaccine CPT 90660 and further instruction regarding the Pneumococcal Vaccin. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics and Hospital.

**[View Transmittal 1461](#)** [PDF, 174 KB]

Transmittal 1465 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment for Initial Hospital Care Services (Codes 99221-99233) . This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View Transmittal 1465](#)** [PDF, 191 KB]

Transmittal 1466 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Paymt for Hos Obs Servs (Codes 99217-99220) and Observation or Inpat Care Servs (Incud Admission and Discharge Servs Codes 99234-99236) . This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners.

**[View Transmittal 1466](#)** [PDF, 91 KB]

Transmittal 242 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual entitled "Items and Special Services Having Special DME Review Considerations. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**[View Transmittal 242](#)** [PDF, 381 KB]

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST**

Transmittal 1455 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Part B Drug Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) Quarterly Drug List Update. This instruction affects Physician.

**[View Transmittal 1455](#)** [PDF, 172 KB]

Transmittal 1464 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative Edits, Version 14.1, Effective April 1, 2008. This instruction affects Physician.

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**02/15/2008**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – NEW INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED**

Transmittal 1448 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Adjudicating Claims for Immunosuppressive Drugs When Medicare Did Not Pay for the Original Transplant," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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Transmittal 1450 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to the Common Working File CWF to Allow the Posting of Skilled Nursing Facility SNF and Swing Bed SB Claims to the Beneficiary's Spell of Illness When Qualifying Stay Criteria are Not Met," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View Transmittal 1450](#) [PDF, 55 KB]

Transmittal 1451 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clinical Lab: New Automated Test for the AMCC Panel Payment Algorithm," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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**02/08/2008**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATIONS**

Transmittal 82 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "January 2008 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)-Manualization," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 239 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Additional Instructions for the Execution of the Medicare Provider Enrollment Demo," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

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Transmittal 241 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Flagging HICN in the MCS for Pre-Payment Review/Audit," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

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Transmittal 1445 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2008 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)-Manualization," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – NEW INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED**

Transmittal 1446 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "UPDATE TO CWF EDITS 7284 AND 7548," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

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**02/06/2008**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-5014-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program; Solicitation of Additional Participants," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-5014-N](#) [PDF]

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**02/04/2008**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1393-P, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Conditions for Coverage for End Stage Renal Disease Facilities--Extension of Timeline for Publication of Final Rule," was released. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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**02/01/2008**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 1425 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System Pricer Update FY 2008 for 2 Core Based Statistical Areas with new Wage index Value," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View Transmittal 1425](#) [PDF, 119 KB]

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Transmittal 1426 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Announcement of Medicare Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Payment Rate Increases," was released. This instruction affects Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

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Transmittal 1430 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Use of HCPCS V2787 When Billing Approved Astigmatism-Correcting Intraocular Lens (A-CIOLs) in Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs), Physician Offices, and Hospital Outpatient Departments (HOPDs)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View Transmittal 1430](#) [PDF, 180 KB]

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Transmittal 1432 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Fee For Service Legacy Provider IDs Prohibited on Form CMS-1500 Claims after NPI Required Date," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View Transmittal 1432](#) [PDF, 309 KB]

[View Transmittal 1432](#) [TXT] [PDF, 130 KB]

Transmittal 312 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Change Affecting the 2008 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS), and Extension of the 2008 Participation Open Enrollment Period," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Ambulance and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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Transmittal 313 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "New Contractor Numbers for the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas in Jurisdiction 4 Part AN MAC Workload," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Ambulance and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View Transmittal 313](#) [PDF, 456 KB]

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## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MIDQUARTER**

Transmittal 1423 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Summary of Policies in the 2008 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and the Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee Payment Amount," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – NEW INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED**

Transmittal 56 of the Medicare Demonstrations Manual, entitled "Implementation of Laboratory Competitive Bidding Demonstration," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Facilities.

[View Transmittal 56](#) [PDF, 1 MB]

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Transmittal 1424 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to Low Utilization Payment Adjustment Add-on Payments under the Refined Home Health Prospective Payment System," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

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Transmittal 1427 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Value Code to Report Patient Prior Payments," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Medicare Advantage, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Hospice, Outpatient Physical Therapy .

[View Transmittal 1427](#) [PDF, 118 KB]

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Transmittal 1429 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "MODIFICATION OF PAYMENT WINDOW EDITS IN THE COMMON WORKING FILE (CWF) TO LOOK AT LINE ITEM DATES OF SERVICE (LIDOS) ON OUTPATIENT CLAIMS," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View Transmittal 1429](#) [PDF, 160 KB]

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Transmittal 1431 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to the Implementation Date for Home Health Agencies (HHAs) Providing Durable Medical Equipment (DME) in Competitive Bidding Areas," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

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[View Transmittal 1431](#) [TXT] [PDF, 141 KB]

Transmittal 1433 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling Billing Code Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

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[View Transmittal 1433](#) [TXT] [PDF, 65 KB]

**01/29/2008**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1393-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals RY 2009: Proposed Annual Payment Rate Updates, Policy Changes, and Clarifications," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1393-P](#) [PDF]

[View CMS-1393-P](#) [TXT]

**01/28/2008**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1499-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council," was released. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View CMS-1499-N](#) [PDF]

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CMS-3195-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for Members of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MedCAC)," was released. This regulation affects Physicians and Suppliers.

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[View CMS-3195-N](#) [TXT]

**01/25/2008**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-6036-P, entitled "Establishing Additional Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Supplier Enrollment Safeguards," was released. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS).

[View CMS-6036-P](#) [PDF]

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 55 of the Medicare Demonstrations Manual, entitled "Medicare Acute Care Episode (ACE) Demonstration," was released. This instruction affects Hospice, Physicians and Clinical Diagnostic Facilities.

[View Transmittal 55](#) [PDF, 1 MB]

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Transmittal 135 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification Regarding the Coordination of Benefits Agreement (COBA) Medigap Claim-Based Crossover Process," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies, Non Physician Practitioners, Physician, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Ambulance.

[View Transmittal 135](#) [PDF, 126 KB]

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Transmittal 311 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Support Income Tax Reporting," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

[View Transmittal 311](#) [PDF, 145 KB]

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Transmittal 1420 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification Regarding the Coordination of Benefits Agreement (COBA) Medigap Claim-based Crossover Process," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies, Non Physician Practitioners, Physician, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Ambulance.

[View Transmittal 1420](#) [PDF, 326 KB]

[View Transmittal 1420](#) [TXT] [PDF, 69 KB]

01/18/2008

#### REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-2278-IFC3, entitled "Revisit User Fee Program for Medicare Survey and Certification Activities," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-2278-IFC3](#) [PDF]

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CMS-2229-P, entitled "Self-Directed Personal Assistance Services Program State Plan Option (Cash and Counseling)," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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#### INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 234 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual entitled "Revision to Instructions Relating to Compliance Standards," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View Transmittal 234](#) [PDF, 227 KB]

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Transmittal 235 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual entitled "Additional Information on Reporting a NPI for Ordering/Referring," was released. This instruction affects Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities.

[View Transmittal 235](#) [PDF, 117 KB]

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Transmittal 1415 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Additional Payable "C" Drug Codes for January 1, 2008 in ASCs," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View Transmittal 1415](#) [PDF, 128 KB]

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Transmittal 1416 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification of Bone Mass Measurement (BMM) Billing Requirements," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View Transmittal 1416](#) [PDF, 109KB]

[View Transmittal 1416](#) [TXT] [PDF, 39 KB]

Transmittal 1417 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View Transmittal 1417](#) [PDF, 1 MB]

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Transmittal 1418 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New HCPCS Modifiers When Billing for Patient Care in Clinical Research Studies," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View Transmittal 1418](#) [PDF, 206 MB]

[View Transmittal 1418](#) [TXT] [PDF, 80 KB]

**01/15/2008**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1385-CN3, entitled "Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, and Other Part B Payment Policies for CY 2008; Delay of the Date of Applicability of the Revised Anti-Markup Provisions for Certain Services Furnished in Certain Locations (Sec. 414.50); Correction," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-1385-CN3](#) [PDF]

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CMS-1385-F3, entitled "Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, and Other Part B Payment Policies for CY 2008; Revisions to the Payment Policies of Ambulance Services Under the Ambulance Fee Schedule for CY 2008; and the Amendment of the E-Prescribing Exemption for Computer-Generated Facsimile Transmissions; Correcting Amendment," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-1385-F3](#) [PDF]

[View CMS-1385-F3](#) [TXT]

CMS-1385-CN2, entitled "Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, and Other Part B Payment Policies for CY 2008; Revisions to the Payment Policies of Ambulance Services Under the Ambulance Fee Schedule for CY 2008; and the Amendment of the E-Prescribing Exemption for Computer-Generated Facsimile Transmissions; Corrections," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-1385-CN2](#) [PDF]

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**01/11/2008**

## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MIDQUARTER LIST**

Transmittal 134 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Recurring Update Notification for the Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments--2nd Notification for FY 2008," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 1408 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Modification to the Model Medicare Redetermination Notice," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View Transmittal 1408](#) [PDF, 202 KB]

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Transmittal 1411 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "The 2008 Update to the Medicare Code Editor (MCE) and Grouper," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View Transmittal 1411](#) [PDF, 100 KB]

[View Transmittal 1411](#) [TXT] [PDF, 35 KB]

Transmittal 1412 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reporting of Hematocrit and/or Hemoglobin Levels on All Claims for Non-ESRD Indications for the Administration of Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View Transmittal 1412](#) [PDF, 411KB]

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**01/10/2008**

## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 1407 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Outpatient Therapy Caps," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physician, Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Home Health Agencies, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

[View Transmittal 1407](#) [PDF, 595 KB]

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**01/08/2008**

## **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-4133-P, entitled "Option for Prescription Drug Plans To Lower Their Premiums for Low-Income Subsidy Beneficiaries," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-4133-P](#) [PDF]

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## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 1406 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2008 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Home Health Agencies.

[View Transmittal 1406](#) [PDF, 535 KB]  
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01/04/2008

#### INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 308 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "SPLIT OF HI/NZ/AZ Part B Workloads and Merge of AZ/Ut/Mt," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

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